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## Clackamas/Multnomah County FSA Updates

Just some quick reminders: Jan 15th is the last day to get in your fall/winter acreage reports without a \$46 per farm late fee, so call for appointments with me or the surrounding offices; if another office would be more convenient for your farming operation to do business with let's get the paper work started to get the transfer in the pipeline. If you think you have it started but have heard nothing please give me a call in McMinnville to see if there might have been a problem during our transition.

The County Committee and I hope your holiday season is happy and safe.

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### Clackamas/Multnomah County FSA Office

221 Molalla Ave, Ste. 120  
Oregon City, OR 97045-3072

Office Staffed:  
**Tuesdays 8:00 - 4:00**

Phone: 503-655-3144 x2  
Fax: 503-656-3143

**County Executive Director:**  
Darca Glasgow - [darca.glasgow@or.usda.gov](mailto:darca.glasgow@or.usda.gov)  
503-472-1474 x2

**Farm Loan Officer:**  
Suzanne Hayes - 503-648-3174 x 105  
[suzanne.hayes@or.usda.gov](mailto:suzanne.hayes@or.usda.gov)

### Other FSA Offices in the Area:

Marion County FSA Office  
650 Hawthorne Ave SE, Ste 130  
Salem, OR 97301-5894  
503-399-5741 x2

Washington County FSA Office  
1080 SW Baseline Rd, Ste B-3  
Hillsboro, OR 97123-3838  
503-648-3174

Yamhill County FSA Office  
2200 SW 2nd ST  
McMinnville, OR 97128  
503-472-1474 x2

**Next County Committee Meeting:**  
Jan. 21, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m.

# New County Committee Election Ballots To Be Mailed

The County Committee Election ballots that were mailed to producers on Nov. 4 were incorrectly printed with the producer's name and address on the back of the ballot. County committee elections must use a secret ballot so the misprinted ballots cannot be used. Please destroy or recycle the misprinted ballot. If you have already voted, your ballot will be destroyed unopened.

New ballots will be mailed to producers on December 20, 2013. These ballots will indicate that they are the corrected ballot in several places, including on the outside of the mailing, on the ballot and on the outside of the return envelope.

The **corrected ballot** must be returned to the Clackamas/Multnomah County FSA Office or postmarked by **January 17, 2014**. All newly elected county committee members will take office February 18, 2014. All county committee members whose term expires on Dec. 31, 2013, will have their term extended to January 31, 2014.

County committee members are an important component of the operations of FSA and provide a link between the agricultural community and USDA. Farmers and ranchers elected to county committees help deliver FSA programs at the local level, applying their knowledge and judgment to make decisions on commodity price support programs; conservation programs; incentive indemnity and disaster programs for some commodities; emergency programs and eligibility. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws.

To be an eligible voter, farmers and ranchers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm may also be eligible to vote.

More information on county committees, such as the new 2013 fact sheet and brochures, can be found on the FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections) or at a local USDA Service Center.

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## 2014 Acreage Reporting Dates

Producers now have until January 15, 2014, to report crops that have a November 15, 2013, or December 15, 2013, reporting deadline without paying a late-file fee. Crops under this waiver include wheat and native and improved grasses intended for grazing or haying. The Risk Management Agency (RMA) did not grant a waiver so producers need to consult their crop insurance agent for deadlines for insured crops.

In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit the Clackamas/Multnomah County FSA office or a nearby office to file an accurate crop certification report by the a

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Oregon:

December 15, 2013: Fall alfalfa seed, fall barley, fall canola, perennial hay and pastures, fall mint, onions (planted 8/15 - 9/15), fall wheat and all other fall seeded small grains.

January 2, 2014: Honey (report hives) for NAP producers

January 15, 2014: Apples, blueberries, cherries, cranberries, apricots, peaches, nectarines, grapes, pears, plums/prunes.

May 15, 2014: Cabbage (fresh or processed) planted 3/12 - 4/20

May 30, 2014: Nursery (NAP coverage)

July 15, 2014: Spring alfalfa seed, spring barley, cabbage (fresh or processed) planted 4/21-6/10, cabbage for seed, spring canola, field corn, dry beans, dry peas, grass for seed or sod, green peas, spring mint, mustard, oats, onions (planted 2/15-5/15), onions for seed, potatoes, processing beans, sugars beets, sweet corn, spring wheat and all other crops not listed under another dates.

August 15, 2014: Cabbage (fresh or processed) planted 6/11 - 8/10

September 30, 2014: Aquaculture, Christmas trees, ginseng, turfgrass sod, mushrooms, floriculture (including seed) - all for NAP coverage.

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.
- If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of "cover only," "green manure," "left standing," or "seed," then the acreage must be reported by July 15th.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

Late file fees will be assessed for 2013 crops reported after September 15, 2013, and 2014 crops reported after January 15, 2014 at \$46 a farm.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact the Clackamas/Multnomah County FSA office at 503-655-3144 or 503-472-1474.

## **Loans For The Socially Disadvantaged**

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FSA has a number of loan programs available to assist applicants to begin or continue in agriculture production. Loans are available for operating type loans and/or purchase or improve farms or ranches.

While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, the FSA has provided priority funding for members of socially disadvantaged applicants.

A socially disadvantaged applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities.

For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere. Contact our Farm Loan Officer, Suzanne Hayes at 503-648-3174 x105 for additional information.

## Dates To Remember

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Dec 24 @ 12:00 - Office closes for Christmas  
Dec 31 - Office is staffed  
Jan 1 - Service Center is closed for New Year's  
Jan 2 - Honey/Hive Reports due for NAP coverage  
Jan 7 - Office is staffed  
Jan 14 - Office is staffed  
Jan 15 - Acreage Reports due - see article above  
Jan 17 - Ballot due into the office or post office  
Jan 21 - Office is staffed and COC meeting with ballots counted

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